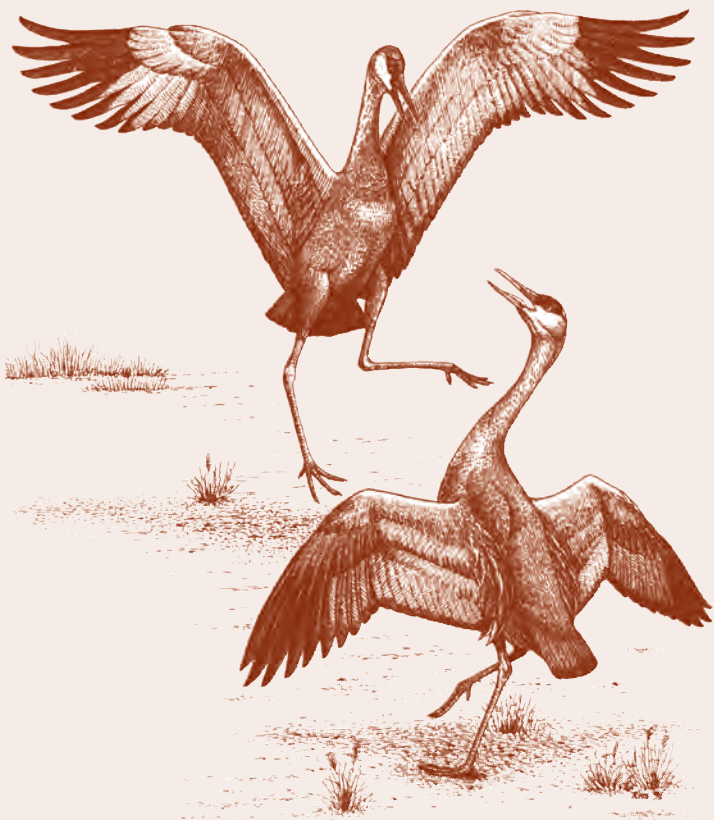
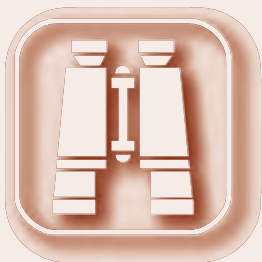


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Malheur

National Wildlife Refuge

Watchable Wildlife



**Birds of Malheur
National Wildlife
Refuge**

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge was originally set aside by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908 to protect nesting egrets and other waterbirds from unregulated plume hunting. Today, Malheur is one of the crown jewels of the National Wildlife Refuge System—a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife.

Malheur is famous for its tremendous diversity and spectacular concentrations of wildlife. Some of the best sites for viewing wildlife on the Refuge include the Refuge Headquarters, Buena Vista Ponds and Overlook, Krumbo Reservoir, Benson Pond, Knox Ponds, and the Historic P Ranch.

Early morning and late evening are the best times to observe wildlife. The abundance of species varies by the seasons, as you will see by the list that follows. We hope you enjoy your birding experience at Malheur!

Season Symbols

- Sp - Spring (March through May)
- S - Summer (June through August)
- F - Fall (September through November)
- W - Winter (December through February)

**Species
Abundance
Symbols**

- a - Abundant; among the most commonly seen birds on the Refuge
- c - Common; certain to be seen in appropriate habitat
- u - Uncommon; birdwatchers will have to be patient, but this bird can usually be seen
- o - Occasional; present in low numbers, a good sighting
- r - Rare; may not be present every year, a great sighting
- * - Birds known to nest locally
- ✓ - Endangered or Threatened

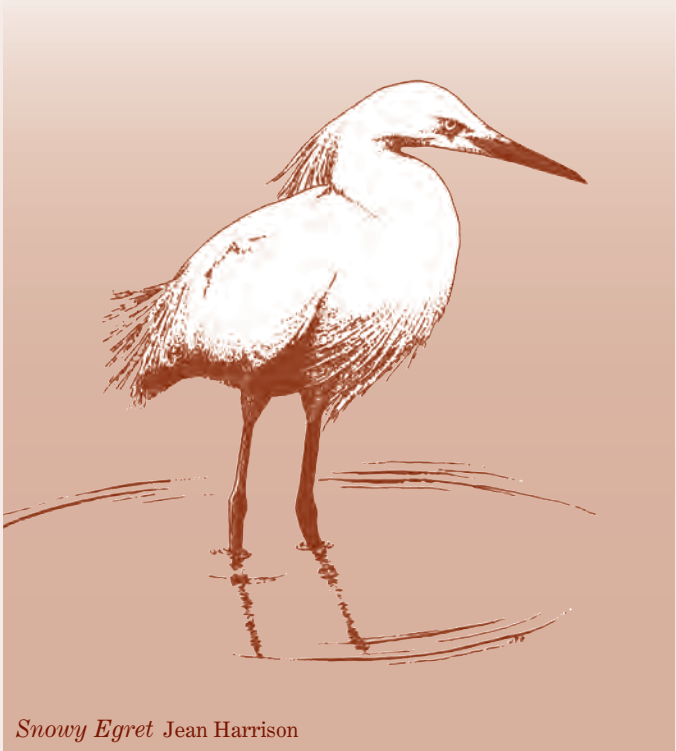
Red-tailed Hawk
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Sandhill Cranes* ©Ken Morris

Birds of Malheur NWR

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Swans, Geese and Ducks				
Greater White-fronted Goose	u		u	r
Snow Goose	a	r	a	r
Ross’s Goose	c		c	
* Canada Goose	a	a	a	a
* Trumpeter Swan	u	u	u	u
Tundra Swan	a	r	a	u
Wood Duck	o	o	o	r
* Gadwall	a	a	a	u
Eurasion Wigeon	r		r	r
* American Wigeon	a	u	a	u
* Mallard	a	a	a	c
* Blue-winged Teal	u	u	o	
* Cinnamon Teal	a	a	c	r
* Northern Shoveler	a	c	a	o
* Northern Pintail	a	u	a	u
* Green-winged Teal	a	u	a	u
* Canvasback	c	u	c	o
* Redhead	a	a	a	o



Snowy Egret Jean Harrison

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
* Ring-necked Duck	u	r	u	o
Greater Scaup	r		r	
* Lesser Scaup	c	u	c	u
Surf Scoter			r	r
White-winged Scoter	r		r	r
Bufflehead	c	r	c	u
Common Goldeneye	c		c	c
Barrow’s Goldeneye	r		o	o
Hooded Merganser	o		o	o
* Common Merganser	c	u	c	u
* Ruddy Duck	a	a	a	o
Gallinaceous Birds				
* Chukar	c	c	c	c
* Gray Partridge	r	r	r	r
* Ring-necked Pheasant	c	c	c	c
* Greater Sage-Grouse	u	u	u	r
* Mountain Quail	r	r	r	r
* California Quail	a	a	a	a
Loons				
Common Loon	u			u
Grebes				
* Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	u
* Horned Grebe	u	u	r	
* Eared Grebe	c	c	c	r
* Western Grebe	c	c	c	
* Clark’s Grebe	o	o	o	
Pelicans				
* American White Pelican	a	a	a	
Cormorants				
* Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	r
Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets				
* American Bittern	c	c	c	r
* Least Bittern	r	r		
* Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	u
* Great Egret	c	c	c	
* Snowy Egret	u	u	u	
* Cattle Egret	r	r	r	
Green Heron			r	
* Black-crowned Night Heron	a	a	a	o

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ibises and Spoonbills				
* White-faced Ibis	c	c	c	
New World Vultures				
* Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	
Osprey, Kites, Hawks and Eagles				
Osprey	o		r	
Bald Eagle	c		u	u
* Northern Harrier	a	a	a	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	u		u	o
Cooper’s Hawk	u		u	u
Northern Goshawk	o		o	o
Red-shouldered Hawk	r	r	r	
* Swainson’s Hawk	u	o	u	
* Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
* Ferruginous Hawk	o	r	o	o
Rough-legged Hawk	a		a	a
* Golden Eagle	c	c	c	c
Falcons and Caracaras				
* American Kestrel	u	u	u	o
Merlin	o		o	
Peregrine Falcon	r	r	r	r
* Prairie Falcon	u	u	u	u
Rails				
* Virginia Rail	c	c	c	
* Sora	a	a	a	
* American Coot	a	a	a	u
Cranes				
* Sandhill Crane	a	a	a	
Plovers				
Black-bellied Plover	u		u	
American Golden-Plover	r		r	
* Snowy Plover	u	u	u	
* Semipalmated Plover	u		u	
* Killdeer	c	c	c	o
Stilts and Avocets				
* Black-necked Stilt	u	u	u	
* American Avocet	c	c	a	

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
Greater Yellowlegs	c		c	r
Lesser Yellowlegs	o		u	
Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	
* Willet	c	c	c	
* Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
Whimbrel	r			
* Long-billed Curlew	c	c	c	
Marbled Godwit	u		u	
Ruddy Turnstone	r		r	
Sanderling	o		o	
Western Sandpiper	c		a	
Least Sandpiper	c		c	
Baird’s Sandpiper	o		u	
Pectoral Sandpiper	r		u	
Dunlin	u		u	
Stilt Sandpiper			r	
Long-billed Dowitcher	c		a	
* Wilson’s Snipe	c	c	c	o
* Wilson’s Phalarope	c	c	a	
Red-necked Phalarope	u	o	u	
Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns				
Parasitic Jaeger			r	
* Franklin’s Gull	c	c	u	
Bonaparte’s Gull	u	r	u	
* Ring-billed Gull	a	c	a	r
* California Gull	a	c	c	
Herring Gull	r		r	r
* Caspian Tern	u	u	u	
Common Tern	r		r	
* Forster’s Tern	a	a	u	
* Black Tern	a	a	u	
Pigeons and Doves				
* Rock Pigeon		o		
Band-tailed Pigeon	o	o	r	
Eurasian Collared Dove	o	o		
* Mourning Dove	c	c	c	
Cuckoos and Anis				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	r	r		

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Barn Owls				
* Barn Owl	o	o	o	o

Typical Owls				
Flammulated Owl	r		r	
* Western Screech-Owl	r	r	r	r
* Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
* Burrowing Owl	u	u	u	
* Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	o
* Short-eared Owl	c	c	c	u
Northern Saw-whet Owl	o		o	r

Nightjars				
* Common Nighthawk	a	a	a	
* Common Poorwill	u	u	u	

Swifts				
Vaux’s Swift	o		o	

Hummingbirds				
Black-chinned Hummingbird	o			
Calliope Hummingbird	o			
Rufous Hummingbird	u		c	

Kingfishers				
* Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	u

Woodpeckers				
Lewis’s Woodpecker	u		u	
Williamson’s Sapsucker			r	
Red-naped Sapsucker	u		u	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	r		r	
Downy Woodpecker	u		u	u
Hairy Woodpecker	u		u	u
* Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c

Tyrant Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	u		u	
* Western Wood Pewee	c	r	c	
* Willow Flycatcher	c	c	c	
Least Flycatcher	r	r	r	
Hammonds Flycatcher	r		r	
* Gray Flycatcher	u	u	u	
Dusky Flycatcher	c	r	c	

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Cordilleran Flycatcher	u		u	
* Say’s Phoebe	c	c	c	
* Ash-throated Flycatcher	u	u	u	
* Western Kingbird	c	c	c	
* Eastern Kingbird	u	u	u	

Shrikes				
* Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	u
Northern Shrike	u		u	u

Vireos				
Plumbeous Vireo	r			
Cassin’s Vireo	u		u	
* Warbling Vireo	c	o	c	
Red-eyed Vireo	r	r	r	

Crows, Jays, and Magpies				
Stellar’s Jay	r		r	r
Blue Jay			r	r
Clark’s Nutcracker	r	r	r	r
* Black-billed Magpie	c	c	c	c
* American Crow	c	u	c	o
* Common Raven	a	a	a	a

Larks				
* Horned Lark	c	u	c	c

Swallows				
* Tree Swallow	a	c	a	
* Violet-green Swallow	c	o	c	
* Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	u	c	
* Bank Swallow	u	u	u	
* Cliff Swallow	a	a	a	
* Barn Swallow	c	c	c	

Titmice and Chickadees				
Black-capped Chickadee	o		o	o
Mountain Chickadee	u		u	u

Bushtits				
* Bushtit	u	o	u	c

Nuthatches				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o	
White-breasted Nuthatch	o		o	
Pygmy Nuthatch			r	r

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	u		u	
Wrens				
* Rock Wren	c	c	c	u
* Canyon Wren	u	u	u	u
* Bewick's Wren	r	r	r	r
* House Wren	c	u	c	
Winter Wren	u		u	r
* Marsh Wren	a	a	a	u
Dippers				
American Dipper				u
Kinglets				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		c	o
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	a		a	o
Old World Warblers				
* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	r	r		
Thrushes				
Western Bluebird	u		u	
* Mountain Bluebird	c	r	c	o
Townsend's Solitaire	u		u	u
Veery	r		r	
Swainson's Thrush	o		r	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	
* American Robin	a	c	a	u
Varied Thrush	u		u	
Mimic Thrushes				
* Gray Catbird	r	r		
Northern Mockingbird	r	r	r	r
* Sage Thrasher	c	c	c	r
Brown Thrasher	r		r	r
Wagtails and Pipits				
American Pipit	c		c	o
Starlings				
* European Starling	a	c	a	u
Waxwings				
Bohemian Waxwing	o		o	o
* Cedar Waxwing	u		u	o

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Wood Warblers				
Tennessee Warbler	r		r	
Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	
Nashville Warbler	u		u	
Northern Parula	r			
* Yellow Warbler	a	a	a	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	r		r	
Magnolia Warbler	r	r	r	
Cape May Warbler	r	r	r	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	r	r	r	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	a		a	r
Black-throated Gray Warbler	u		u	
Townsend's Warbler	u		u	
Bay-breasted Warbler	r	r	r	
Blackpoll Warbler			r	
Black and White Warbler	r			
American Redstart	o		o	
Ovenbird	o			
Northern Waterthrush	r		r	
MacGillivray's Warbler	u		u	
* Common Yellowthroat	c	a	c	
Wilson's Warbler	c		c	
* Yellow-breasted Chat	u	u	u	
Tanagers				
Western Tanager	c		c	
Sparrows and Towhees				
Green-tailed Towhee	o	r	o	
Spotted Towhee	c		c	
American Tree Sparrow	r		u	u
* Chipping Sparrow	c	u	u	
* Brewer's Sparrow	a	a	a	
Vesper Sparrow	c	c		
* Lark Sparrow	c	u	u	
* Black-throated Sparrow	r	r		
* Sage Sparrow	c	u	c	
* Savannah Sparrow	c	c	c	
Fox Sparrow	u		u	
* Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	
White-throated Sparrow	r		r	
Harris's Sparrow	r		r	r

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
White-crowned Sparrow	a		a	o
Golden-crowned Sparrow	u		u	
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	u
Snow Bunting				r
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r			
* Black-headed Grosbeak	u		u	
* Lazuli Bunting	u	r	o	
Blackbirds and Orioles				
* Bobolink	u	u	u	
* Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	u
* Western Meadowlark	c	c	c	
* Yellow-headed Blackbird	a	a	a	r
* Brewer's Blackbird	a	a	a	u
Great-tailed Grackle	r	r	r	r
* Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	u	
* Bullock's Oriole	c	c	u	
Finches				
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch			r	r
Pine Grosbeak			r	r
Purple Finch	r		r	
Cassin's Finch	r		r	r
* House Finch	c	c	c	r
Red Crossbill		r	r	
Common Redpoll				r
Pine Siskin	u		u	
* Lesser Goldfinch	u	u	u	
* American Goldfinch	u	u	u	o
Evening Grosbeak	u		o	o
Old World Sparrows				
* House Sparrow	u	u	u	u



Marsh wren ©Roger Baker

Accidentals

The following birds have been seen five times or less on the Refuge and are considered accidental:

Pacific Loon
Red-necked Grebe
Tri-colored Heron
Mute Swan
Emperor Goose
Green-winged Teal (European)
American Black Duck
Oldsquaw
Red-breasted Merganser
White-tailed Kite
Broad-winged Hawk
Black Rail
Common Moorhen
Upland Sandpiper
Red Knot
Red Phalarope
Long-tailed Jaeger
Glaucous-winged Gull
Sabine’s Gull
White-winged Dove
Snowy Owl
Northern Pygmy-Owl
Barred Owl
Black Swift
White-throated Swift
Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Red-headed Woodpecker
White-headed Woodpecker

Eastern Wood-Peewee
Eastern Phoebe
Tropical Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Hutton’s Vireo
Gray Jay
Western Scrub-Jay
Pinyon Jay
Purple Martin
Phainopepla
Golden-winged Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Black-throated Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Palm Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Canada Warbler
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting
Dickcissel
Lark Bunting
Lapland Longspur
Common Grackle
Streak-backed Oriole
Baltimore Oriole



Snowy Owl
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**Mammals of
Malheur
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This checklist includes 60 species, which presently occur within Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Also included are four species, which occurred on the Refuge historically, but are no longer present and six species, which may occur on the Refuge, but have not been reported.

Malheur is a unique wetland oasis surrounded by Great Basin desert. Distinctive mammalian habitats include large fresh water marshes containing extensive stands of emergent aquatic vegetation, riparian areas bordering streams and canals; irrigated meadows; semi-arid grassland desert areas dominated by sagebrush and greasewood; and basaltic rimrocks.

This checklist can best be used with a field guide to mammals that provides identification and natural history information.

Status Symbols

- c - Common; among the mammals you're most likely to see
- u - Uncommon; patience is required, but this mammal can usually be seen
- r - Rare; may not be present every year; a fortunate sighting
- h - Historically present, but no longer occurs
- p - Possibly occurs

Habitat Symbols

- d - Desert
- m - Marsh and Riparian Areas
- g - Grassland
- r - Rimrock
- w - Widespread



Bobcat kitten at headquarters
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Mammals of Malheur NWR

Common Name	Status	Habitat
Shrews		
Preble's Shrew	u	m,g
Vagrant Shrew	c	g
Water Shrew	p	m
Merriam's Shrew	r	d
Bats		
Little Brown Myotis	c	w
Yuma Myotis	c	w
Long-eared Myotis	u	w
Long-legged Myotis	u	w
California Myotis	u	w
Small-footed Myotis	u	d
Silver-haired Bat	u	w
Western Pipistrelle	u	d
Big Brown Bat	c	w
Hoary Bat	c	w
Spotted Bat	p	d
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	u	w
Pallid Bat	u	w
Fringed Myotis	u	w
Hares, Rabbits, & Pikas		
Pika	p	r
Pygmy Rabbit	u	d
Nuttall's Cottontail	c	d
White-tailed Jackrabbit	r	d,g
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	c	d,g
Rodents		
Least Chipmunk	c	d
Yellow-bellied Marmot	u	r
White-tailed Antelope Squirrel	u	d
Townsend's Ground Squirrel	u	d
Belding's Ground Squirrel	c	g,d
Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel	u	r
Townsend's Pocket Gopher	c	g,d
Northern Pocket Gopher	u	g,d
Great Basin Pocket Mouse	c	d
Dark Kangaroo Mouse	u	d
Ord's Kangaroo Rat	c	d

Common Name	Status	Habitat
Great Basin Kangaroo Rat	c	d
Beaver	c	w
Western Harvest House	c	w,g
Deer Mouse	c	w
Canyon Mouse	c	r
Northern Grasshopper Mouse	u	g,d
Desert Woodrat	c	r
Bushy-tailed Woodrat	c	r
Montane Vole	c	g
Long-tailed Vole	u	g
Sagebrush Vole	u	d
Muskrat	c	w
House Mouse	u	w
Western Jumping Mouse	h	m,g
Porcupine	c	w
Carnivores		
Coyote	c	w
Red Fox	p	w
Kit Fox	p	d
Black Bear	r	w
Grizzly Bear	h	w
Raccoon	c	w
Long-tailed Weasel	c	w
Mink	c	m
Wolverine	p	w
Badger	c	d,g
Western Spotted Skunk	u	w
Striped Skunk	u	w
River Otter	r	m
Mountain Lion	r	w
Lynx	h	w
Bobcat	u	w
Ungulates		
Elk	r	w
Mule Deer	c	w
Pronghorn	u	d,g
Bison	h	g
Mountain Sheep	r	r

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